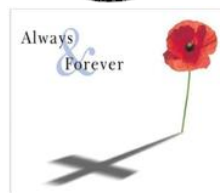


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All visitors to St Mary's are most welcome to the church and to our parish
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Parish Newsletter for w/c Sunday 04 November, 2018,

Mass proper		Intention	
Sat 03	Vigil Mass	7 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun 04	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 Mass Book p152	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i> <i>Holy Souls (2)</i>
Mon 05	<i>Mass for the dead</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (3)</i>
Tue 06	Mass at St Mary's House	8.15 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (4)</i>
Wed 07	<i>Mass for the dead</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (5)</i>
Thurs 08	Traditional Mass, 1962 Missal	7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls (6)</i>
Fri 09	<i>Consecration of the Lateran Basilica, Feast</i>	10 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls (7)</i>
Sat 10	<i>St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor.</i> Vigil Mass	10 a.m. 7 p.m.	<i>Holy Souls (8)</i> <i>Pro Populo – for the people of the parish</i>
Sun 11	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 Mass Book p.154	10 a.m. 12 noon	<i>In Remembrance 100th Anniv. Great War</i> <i>Holy Souls (9 – last of the Novena)</i>

Confessions every Saturday 10.30-11 a.m., 6.15-6.45 p.m. and at call
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour before Friday morning Mass

PARISH DIARY				
Date	Time	Place	Event	Contact
Mondays	6.55-8 pm	<u>Church</u>	WCCM Christian Mediation Group	Celia 01273 555967
Thursdays	2-4 pm	Cassidy Centre	Seniors Club	David Alfred 01273 540038
Sat 10 Nov	10.30-3.30	C.Newman Coll.	CATHOLICITY FAIR	
Wed 14 Nov	7.30-9 pm	Church Hall	Youth Club Yrs 7-11	www.smyclub.co.uk
Fri 16 Nov	3-6 pm	Cassidy Centre	Icon Painting Group	Rosie Bradshaw 01273 708092
Sat 17 Nov	12 noon	Church	Baptism: Georgia Byrne	
Sat 17 Nov	12.45-1.45	Church	Christmas Choir Rehearsal (for Dec)	Charles (St. M.)/Paula (St T.M)

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Church teaches us that we, the living, have a serious responsibility in love to accompany with prayer those who have died but who must yet complete the purificatory preparation every human being needs to be able to dwell in the all-encompassing love of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that 'death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ' [CCC#1021]. The Holy Souls are those 'who die in God's grace and friendship' but who are 'still imperfectly purified. ... After death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven' [CCC#1030]. Part of the joy of belonging to the Church is the privilege of helping the Holy Souls enter heaven by indulgences, our prayers, penances, almsgiving and saying Mass for them.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – 3 WEEKS TO GO!!

Thanks to all those who have signed up for the Christmas Fair, Saturday 24th November, 2018. There are a few areas where help is needed: Bottle Tombola, Children's Books, Children's Crafts, Preloved, Cakes. If anyone can help please contact 07740 177556 or lizwoodhead123@gmail.com Also we are looking for some young 'buskers' - anyone that can play the guitar etc. for a while during the Fair. Many Thanks Liz Woodhead

Items for the Christmas Fair can now be left in the Church Porch – No Electricals

WCCM Christian Mediation Group – Please note that this Monday's meeting, Nov. 4th, will be held in the Church – Entry will be via the right-hand door.

PARISH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Gerry Alfred, Mary Connett & Peter Walsh. Please also pray for Judy Harrison who died early this morning (3 Nov.). May she rest in peace.

BISHOPS PARISH VISITATION

The Bishop will be making a parish visitation to St Mary's over the weekend of 24/25 November. Unfortunately, he is at a diocesan Marriage preparation day during the afternoon and will be unable to come to the Christmas Fair. The following is a draft of his schedule here:

Sat 6.15 pm, *Lectio Divina* with confirmation candidates

Sat 7 pm, Saturday Vigil Mass

Sun 9.15, Meeting with 1st Holy Comm. Children & Parents

Sun 10 am, Parish Mass

Sun 11 am, in hall w' tea & coffee and meeting parishioners

Sun 12 noon, Parish Mass

Sun afternoon, meetings and visits to sick & housebound

It has been many years since we have had a parish visitation. Please pray for this to be a blessed visit for the parish.

BLESSING OF GRAVES – This Sunday, 3 pm

Priests will be at the various cemeteries of Brighton & Hove and Woodingdean this Sunday afternoon. All are invited as we pray for and remember the dead buried there and elsewhere. Once there indicate to the priest any special grave you would like blessing.

CATHOLAITY FAIR – This Saturday, 10 Nov

This year's Catholaity Fair will be at Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College, The Upper Drive, Hove on Saturday 10th November 10.30 am - 3.30 pm Admission £1 - Children under 14 free. Free Car parking available at the school. Please support this important annual Brighton Deanery event and invite your friends.

Sacramental Programs: Dates for your diaries

Bishop Richard will 'launch' our 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for this year as he visits us over the weekend of 24/25 November. For forward planning the dates for the First Holy Communion Mass is 12 noon, Sunday 23 June, 2019 and the Confirmation Mass will be at 3 pm, Saturday 25 May, 2019 here at St Mary's.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE ROYAL ALBION

This year's Parish Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 21st December, 12 noon, at the Royal Albion Hotel (Russell Room). Please Book your place with family & friends. The cost of this is £16 (incl. tip). Please complete the signup sheet in the Church Porch and cheques should be made out to "St Marys Senior Citizens Club" and handed to Fr Bruno or David Alfred (01273 540038) before Sun 18 Nov.

NOVEMBER - Month of the Holy Souls



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.**

-St. Padre Pio

DIOCESAN

Retired Priests' Collection - Sunday 4th Nov. 2018 – Message from the Bishop

Every year at least £200,000 is needed for the support of our retired priests. This support ensures that priests do not face financial hardship when their parish ministry comes to an end. While in active parish ministry, priests' accommodation and domestic needs are met by the parish and a modest personal income is usually provided from offerings at Christmas, Easter and from baptisms, weddings and funerals. There is no charge to the parish for pension contributions to fund the future needs for their priest. The Retired Priests' Fund supplies these needs, whether the priest is able to live independently or whether more care is required. In recent years, this collection has contributed only a fraction of the amount needed. Please give generously so that we can express our concern and gratitude towards those who have served us so loyally over the years.

Thank you, Bishop Richard Moth

THE BIG ENCOUNTER DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT FESTIVAL -

It's happening next Saturday (the 10th) at the Performing Arts Centre, Worth Abbey, starting at 6.30pm and ending at around 9.30. It's totally free, and there's no need to book. We're expecting a few hundred people and we've got an amazing line-up for the event. Bryony Wells is our keynote speaker, and the Youth 2000 worship band are leading the music. There will be powerful talks, adoration, and more. It's open to anyone aged 16-35. For more info., search for 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

Supporting the Bereaved Course

Introductory Day Friday 9th November, 9.30-3.30 at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly Dabce), Crawley, RH10 6RP. Could you support a parish priest by becoming a friend to those parishioners who are bereaved? Could you walk beside them in their grief? The full course runs over seven Tuesdays from 15th Jan - 5th March inclusive (but not Feb 19th). Contact Katherine Bergin for more information on Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org.

Quote: 'I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God. And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong', that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being' [Benedict xvi].